

A Community-based Coalition of MOCSA

MOCSA

Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault

COMMUNITY CPTED TOOLKIT

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ABOUT WYCO-SAP

The Wyandotte County Sexual Assault Prevention Coalition, or WyCo-SAP, is a community-based coalition of MOCSA made up of community organizations, UG agencies, and activists. The coalition partnered with the UG Public Health Department to create a 5-year Violence Prevention Plan that is part of the Community Health Improvement Plan, along with:

- Access to Healthcare
- Safe and Affordable Housing
- Economic and Educational Opportunity

The Violence Prevention Plan focuses on:

- improving neighborhood connectedness
- improving environmental factors that make neighborhoods less safe
- addressing harmful norms about violence

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WHAT IS CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN?

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), is a way to make our communities more welcoming by keeping safety in mind when thinking about the places and spaces you share with your neighbors.

CPTED is about making simple changes to our surroundings to encourage safety and connection among neighbors. We can use this strategy to reduce crime and violence and bring neighbors together.

DOES CPTED REDUCE CRIME AND VIOLENCE?

There are many examples from around the country that show how using CPTED has reduced crime and helped residents feel safer while creating a community environment where people from different backgrounds feel welcome and safe.

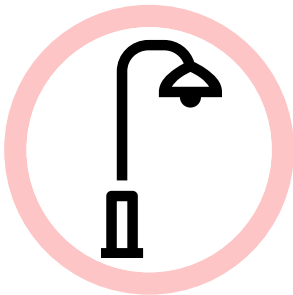
Neighborhoods across the U.S. have had dramatic reductions in drug sales, burglaries and general crime by 15-100 % using CPTED strategies.

WHO IS THIS TOOLKIT FOR?

This toolkit is for neighborhoods and residents who want to create safer places to live and work. This toolkit explains CPTED and provides hands-on ways residents can work together to help address problem areas in their neighborhoods to make them safer.

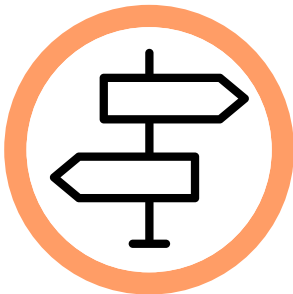
WHAT ARE CPTED PRINCIPLES?

Community members can do a CPTED assessment of their neighborhood by looking at the following CPTED principles:



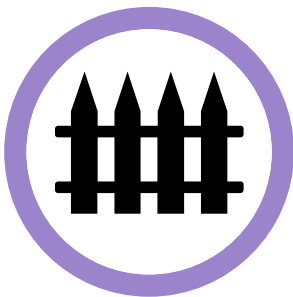
CAN I SEE OTHERS? CAN OTHERS SEE ME?

People feel safe in areas where it is easy to see or be seen by others, like a block where neighbors use their front yards and porches. Issues like over-grown shrubs, bad lighting, or high walls or privacy fences make it difficult to see and discourage residents from enjoying their neighborhood, which can create opportunities for unsafe or violent behavior.



DO I KNOW WHERE TO GO?

People feel more secure when they know how to get around their neighborhood and find where to go. Things like clearly marked entrances and exits or signs that guide visitors to their destinations make it easier to enjoy public spaces and help everyone understand what those spaces are used for.



WHAT IS THIS SPACE FOR?

A space that is being used for what it is supposed to be used for feels safer. Some examples are when public parks and playgrounds feel safe and welcoming for kids and families and marking the end of a public space and the beginning of private property.

WHAT ARE CPTED PRINCIPLES?



IS THIS SPACE MAINTAINED?

People are less likely to engage in unsafe behavior in places where it is clear that someone cares about the space. Things like mowed lawns, cleaning up graffiti as soon as it happens, and securing vacant buildings make it clear that residents care about their neighborhood and are paying attention to what happens there.



IS MY NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTED?

CPTED ideas are more than physical changes; they include social programs that encourage connection among neighbors. A connected community values diversity, shares a sense of belonging, and works to develop positive relationships among people from different backgrounds.



IS THERE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY?

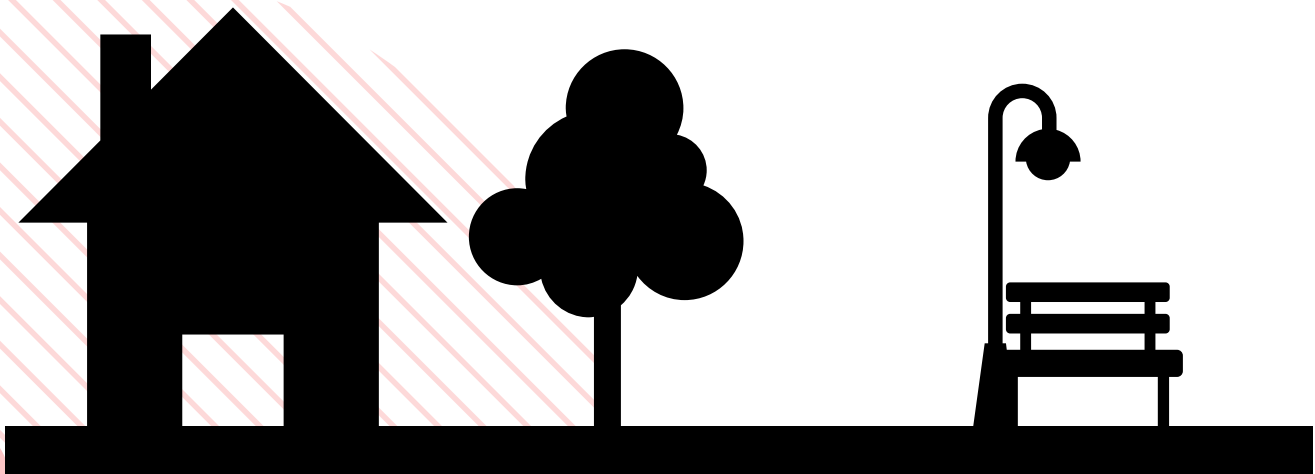
A strong sense of community can encourage positive outlooks and behaviors. This is created when residents set up and participate in festivals, cultural events, neighborhood cleanups, youth groups, etc.

CPTED ASSESSMENT TOOL:

This CPTED tool can be used by community members to do an assessment of their neighborhood. Following the assessment are potential ideas for neighborhood projects and resources that can help create a safer, more connected community.

CAN I SEE OTHERS? CAN OTHERS SEE ME?

Do the streetlights work?	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
Are there enough street lights?	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
My neighbors turn their porch lights on at night.	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
Can you see clearly without anything blocking your view?	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
Can you see the streets clearly from your window?	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
If someone attempted to hide (behind bushes or fences, for example), would you be able to see them?	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A



NOTES:

SOLUTIONS:

Streetlights:

- If there is a streetlight outage on your street, call 311 and provide a pole number, address, or cross streets with a summary of the problem. See page 22 for more information.
- To request a new streetlight call the UG Public Works Engineering Division at 913-573-5700.

Private Area Lights:

- Lights for backyards, alleys and parking lots can be requested from BPU at 913-573-9531.

Lawn Maintenance:

- Livable Neighborhoods has a list of groups that may be able to help with general lawn maintenance, see page 20 for contact information.
- See page 22 for information on how to contact 311 to submit a concern regarding a lawn maintenance issue.

DO I KNOW WHERE TO GO?

Are street signs clear and easy to read?	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
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Can I tell where to walk, bike, use a wheelchair, or drive?	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
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Do fences, plants, or signs mark where to go?	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
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Do signs mark entrances and exits?	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
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NOTES:

SOLUTIONS:

Signage:

- If a street or traffic sign is missing or damaged, see page 22 for information on how to contact 311.

Concerns about Street Safety:

- BikeWalkKC has a Traffic Calming Lending Library with materials, like bollards, cones, and curb stops, available to use for demonstrations, pop-ups, better blocks, etc. See their website for more information.

Sidewalks:

- Your NBR may have performed walking audits in your area. See page 21 for contact information
- The UG's Public Works Department has established this cost-sharing program for sidewalk and/or curb removal or replacement and replacement for permitted and inspected work. Download the application on the Public Works website.

WHAT IS THIS SPACE FOR?

Is it clear what spaces are public and what spaces are private property?

Yes No Unsure N/A

Can you tell who the space belongs to?

Yes No Unsure N/A

Do you know what this space is used for?

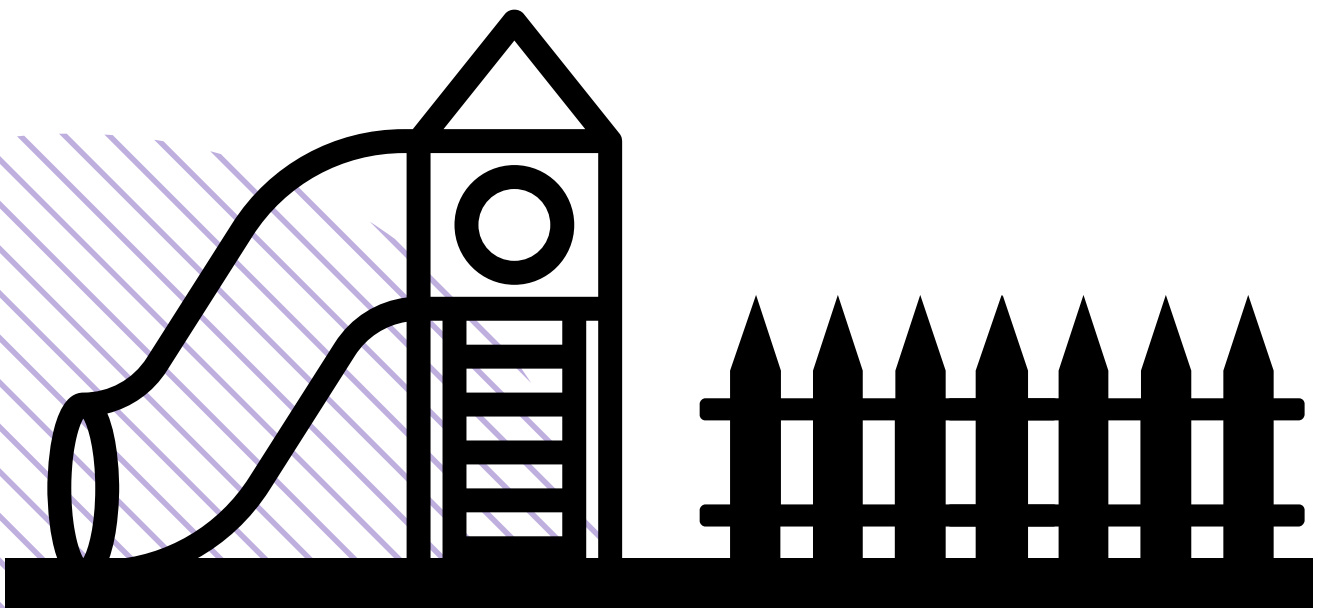
Yes No Unsure N/A

Is this space used for what it was created for?

Yes No Unsure N/A

Are there public events that use trails, parks, etc.?

Yes No Unsure N/A



NOTES:

SOLUTIONS:

Signage:

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Proper usage of space:

- Contact your NBR, neighborhood group, or local community center for community events held in your area. See pages 20 and 21 for contact information.
- To encourage positive uses of space, talk to your neighbors about organizing community events like using park shelters for picnics or cook outs, playing a pick up soccer game in an open field, or picking up trash in parking lots.

IS THIS SPACE MAINTAINED?

Does someone care about this place?	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
Are litter and trash picked up?	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
Is the lawn mowed?	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
Are bushes trimmed?	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
Do you know who maintains this space (city, neighbor, business)?	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
Does the neighborhood organize clean- ups.	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
Do all vehicles on this street have an owner?	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
Are streets and sidewalks safe to walk, bike, or use a wheelchair?	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
Are the buildings clear of graffiti? Do the windows and lights work?	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A



NOTES:

SOLUTIONS:

Neighborhood Clean Ups:

- Contact your NBR or neighborhood group to learn about or organize a clean up in your area. See pages 20 and 21 for contact information.
- If dumping is a concern in your area, see page 22 for more information on how to contact 311.

Lawn Maintenance:

- If you notice a neighbor's property needs to be mowed or leaves need bagged, ask if they need additional assistance and gather other neighbors to help!
- Livable Neighborhoods has a list of groups that may be able to help with general lawn maintenance. See page 20 for more information.
- See page 22 for more information on how to contact 311 to submit a concern regarding a lawn maintenance issue.

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Graffiti:

- Find the Graffiti Abatement form on the Operation Brightside page of wycokck.org.

IS MY NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTED?

I know my neighbors.	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
Neighbors help each other.	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
Neighbors speak to each other often.	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
Residents work together to solve problems and improve their block or apartment complex.	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
Is there a neighborhood association?	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
Is there a way that your neighborhood communicates (phone group, Facebook group, Nextdoor, etc.)?	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
The community knows who to contact to solve local problems.	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
My neighborhood is close-knit; people know and trust each other.	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
Does everyone in our community feel welcomed here?	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A



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SOLUTIONS:

For more information on how to contact neighborhood groups and NBRs, see pages 20 and 21.

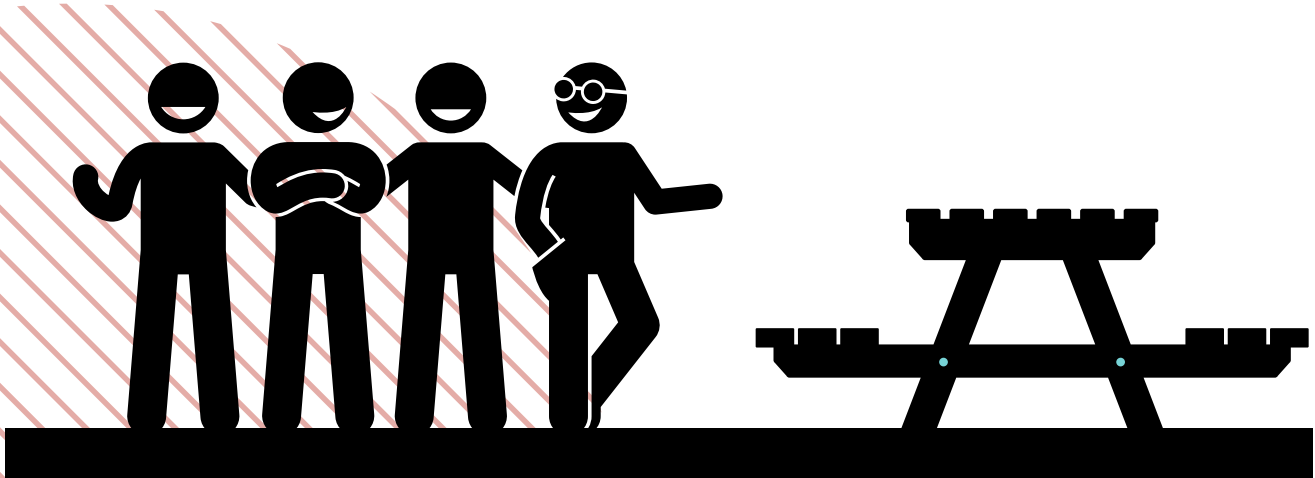
Join/follow your neighborhood group's NextDoor or Facebook page. Residents and neighborhood leaders post event, concerns, and other relevant information regularly. Start by posting about this toolkit!

Meet your neighbors! If a neighbor is expecting a baby, organize a meal delivery. If new neighbors are moving in across the street, welcome them with information about your favorite local restaurants. Plan or participate in holiday events for neighborhood kids.

Know who your local elected officials are and how you can contact them. See pages 23 and 24 to meet your commissioners.

IS THERE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY?

There are murals or art in this neighborhood.	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
Is there a neighborhood landmark or sign that people are proud of?	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
You can tell that the schools, businesses, and neighbors take pride in their buildings.	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
There is a community center or park nearby where kids can go.	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
Are there spaces shared by neighbors (sport fields, picnic tables)?	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
Neighbors feel safe going outside.	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A
The neighborhood gets together for events.	Yes	No	Unsure	N/A



NOTES:

SOLUTIONS:

For more information on neighborhood groups and NBRs, see pages 20 and 21 for contact information

Once you're connected with your neighborhood group or NBR, attend or host events at local parks, community centers, or block parties.

Participate in clean ups or help an elderly neighbor with yard work. Not only does this beautify your neighborhood, but you get to know each other and start to watch out for each other!

A great and easy way to increase community connection and perception of safety is to participate in positive behaviors like going on walks, using the parks near your home, and sitting on your porch!

RESOURCES:

Here you'll find more information on resources and solutions to common issues that impact safety and resident connection.

LIVABLE NEIGHBORHOODS

Livable Neighborhoods Task Force is Non-profit organization formed to develop strategies for building better neighborhoods.

Livable Neighborhoods:

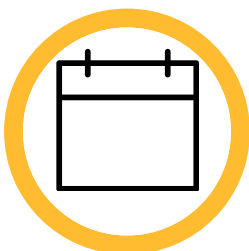
- Identifies problems and seek solutions by bringing together neighborhood leaders and local government representatives.
- Creates working partnerships that provide positive impact on the livability of our neighborhoods.
- Strives to recommend programs and initiatives that will empower, rebuild and revitalize our community.

Services provided to registered Neighborhood Groups:

- Monthly informational meetings
- Neighborhood groups support services
- Monthly newsletters
- Resource referral for community, police and government staff
- Trainings
- Liaison between Unified Government and neighborhoods

<https://www.wycokck.org/LN.aspx>

HOW TO CONTACT LIVABLE NEIGHBORHOODS



**MONTHLY
MEETINGS**

8:30am- 11:00am every 4th
Thursday of the month



CALL
(913)573-8737



EMAIL
liveableneighbor@wycokck.
org

NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS AND REVITALIZATION ORGANIZATIONS

There are currently eight NBR organizations in Kansas City, KS. The NBR's have entered into a contract with the Unified Government (UG) to provide a scope of services to residents, businesses and neighborhood groups. They are nonprofit organizations formed with a Board of Directors. Each NBR works within a specific set of geographic boundaries.

They provide services in the following areas:

- Resource and advocacy
- Neighborhood group support
- Youth programming
- Minor home repair for seniors and those with disabilities
- Revitalization efforts
- Cleanups
- Crime prevention
- Economic development.

<https://www.wycokck.org/LN/NBR.aspx>

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR NBR

If you're unsure which NBR covers your neighborhood, contact
Livable Neighborhoods!

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| ● Argentine Betterment Corporation
(913) 201-1227 | ● Groundwork Northeast
Revitalization Group
(913) 912-3646 |
| ● Armourdale Renewal Association
(913) 371-5696 | ● Leavenworth Road Association
(913) 788-3988 |
| ● Central Avenue Betterment
Association
(913) 281-9222 | ● Rosedale Development
Association
(913) 677-5097 |
| ● Downtown Shareholders
(913) 371-0705 | ● Turner Community Connection
(913) 731-5494 |

311 INFORMATION NUMBER

The 311 Contact Center provides residents with a single point of contact via the telephone, web, mobile app, or email. 311 diverts non-emergency calls from the 911 emergency call center, improves the UG's customer service capabilities, and provides data for supporting and improving operations across the organization. 311 employees provide a wide range of information and services, helping residents navigate local government, find quick answers to common questions, and connect to community resources.

<https://www.wycokck.org/311.aspx>

Before submitting a concern:

- Do you have enough information gathered to answer any questions (pole number of street light outage, cross streets of pothole, address of vandalized property)?
- If the issue is a neighbor's property, first attempt to talk to or provide resources for your neighbor.
- Can the issue be solved by a neighborhood group, NBR, or community group?

311 won't follow up with updates on your submission, but you can track progress by calling back with the case number. Be sure to ask for and/or write it down!

HOW TO USE 311



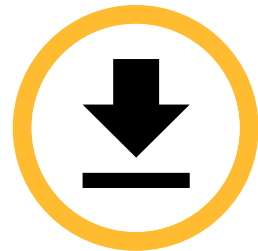
CALL

Call 311 or (913) 573-5311 if you're outside of the county.



EMAIL

Email info@wycokck.org to submit a concern, ask a question, or request resources.



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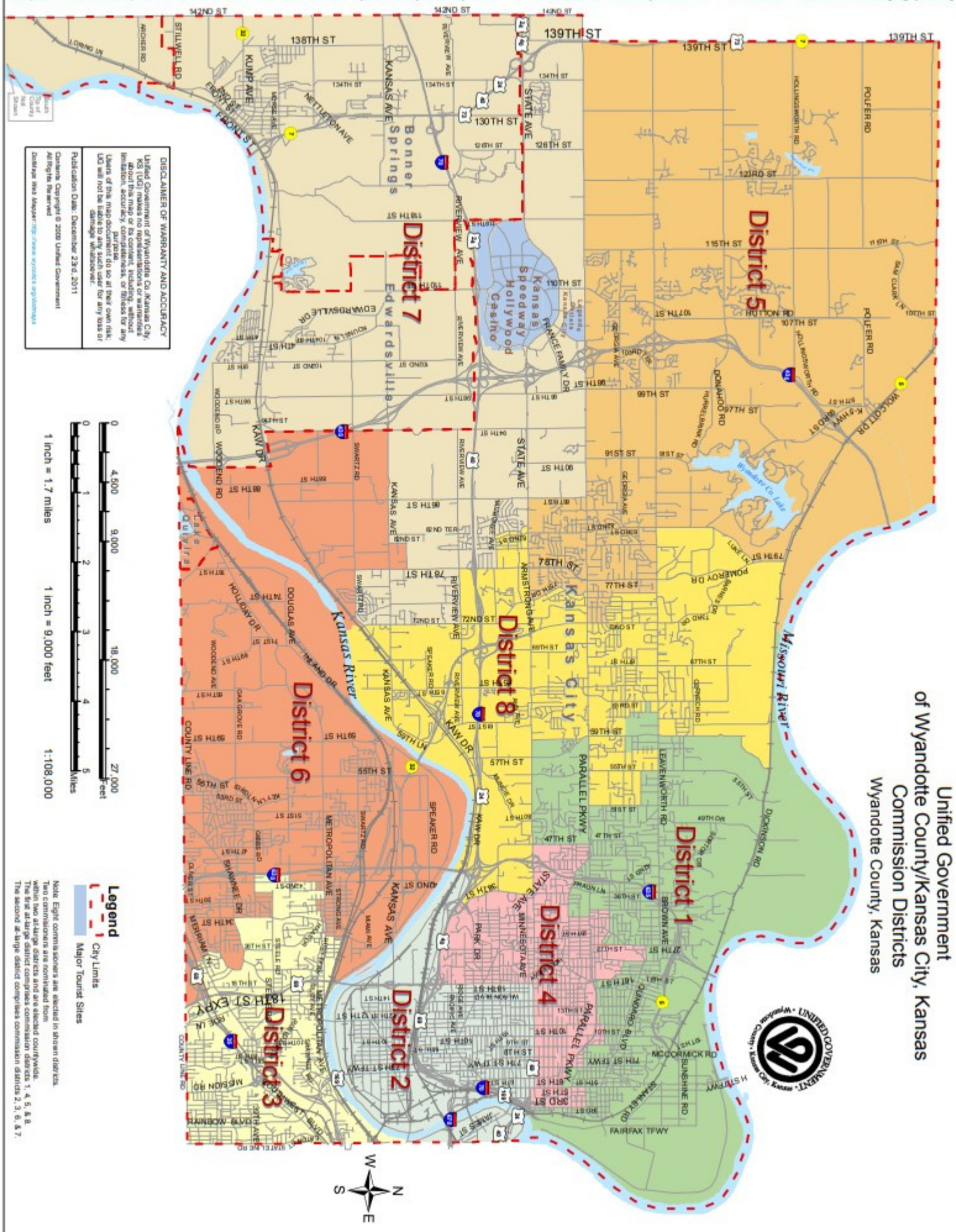
Download the myWyco app or visit mywyco.wycokck.org.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Unified Government Board of Commissioners is a group of elected officials responsible for managing aspects of county government not assigned to other officials, including setting the county budget. They receive advice and information from appointed boards and hear from county residents to make decisions regarding local ordinances. In Wyandotte County, there are eight district commissioners and two commissioners at-large. See below for your commissioners' contact information (as of Fall 2020) and the next page to see what district you live in.

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR COMMISSIONERS

- At-Large District 1:
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- District 8:
Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook
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WHAT'S NEXT?

For more information, trainings, or additional solutions or resources to improve your community, please contact communityed@mocsa.org.